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MacNeil To Make Charges In House

Japanese Control In B. C. Hinted

OTTAWA, Feb. 27 — Prompted by a letter from the Powell River Papermaker's Union, Grant MacNeil, C.C.F. member for Vancouver North, will draw the attention of the Federal House, by a series of questions, to the rumoured penetration of Japanese interests into the natural resources along the coast of B. C.

These rumours were first published last year in a series of now notorious articles in the Peoples Advocate, official organ of the Community Party in B. C.

In these articles, it was claimed that the Japanese government was making every effort to control the sources of raw materials, useful in times of war.

Places specifically mentioned in the Powell River letter to Grant MacNeil are Surf Inlet, mistakenly reported to be on the west coast of Vancouver Island, Malcolm Island, Ikeda Bay, named after an early Japanese pioneer who first worked a now deserted copper mine there, some twenty years ago, Sidney Inlet, site of a mine that has recently been closed down Louise Island, and Cowichan Lake.

The same question was raised in the Provincial Legislature during the 1937 Session, when it was ruled out of order by the Speaker.

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VANCOUVER, Mar. 1 — Officials of the N. S. McNeil Trading Co, when interviewed today, stated that reference to the Government register would prove that their company holds no timber limits on Malcolm Island, as was alleged.

A. H. Sawyer, general manager of Surf Inlet Consolidated Gold Mines Ltd, declared to the New Canadian today that the allegations concerning the company are absolutely false. There is no Japanese capital invested, in the company, nor are any Japanese employed. No dredging whatever has been carried out, and no storage facilities for oil established.

The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company wired Ottawa today, in protest against the charges implied in Mr. MacNeil's proposed questions.

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OTTAWA, Mar. 1—G. G. McGeer, Liberal member for Vancouver Burrard, will speak in the House today, regarding the question of alleged Japanese activities.

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THE EVILS OF PROPAGANDA

During the summer of 1938, a series of articles, alleging the domination of Japanese interests in British Columbia, and the creation of vast war-supply bases by the Japanese Government appeared first in the Clarion, Weekly of Toronto and later in the People's Advocate of Vancouver— both organs of the Communist Party of Canada.

Calculated to stir up mass feeling and fear, these articles having no basis in fact accomplished more than its share of harm. But now they appear again in a more insidious way. Through the instrumentalities of a certain worker's union they have gained as a spokesman the able and respected C. Grant MacNeil, C.C.F. member from Vancouver North.

By this means they will spread the poison of their distrust and fear in a more dangerously effective way.

It is more than obvious that if any such illegal campaign were being undertaken by a foreign government within the Dominion, the Intelligence Department of Canada would be the first to know of these activities.

But even a casual examination of these so-called war-bases proves conclusively that these charges are unfounded and untrue.

For example, the Ikeda Mine has been abandoned for over fifteen years. The Louise Island Logging Camp has been closed down for years. And the shut-down of the Sidney Inlet Mine is but an event of the past fortnight.

If these were actually government bases, surely they would not have been abandoned after the expenditure of much capital?

The regrettable truth of the situation is that Japanese Canadians in British Columbia will be forced to bear the brunt of the fear and ill-feeling that will be engendered by these wild accusations.

The tragedy that may result from this unscrupulous form of propaganda should not escape the minds of every sane and thinking Canadian.

A map appearing in yesterday's Province, showing alleged centres of Japanese activity.

APOLOGY

In the report of the Port Alberni J.C.C.L. elections carried in the last issue, the name of Jack Matsui, elected as social convenor, was unfortunately omitted from the list of new officers.

VICTORIA NISEIS TO JOIN IN WELCOME OF ROYAL VISIT

Island Conference To Co-incide with Visit

The third annual Island Nisei Conference will be held in Victoria during the last week-end in May, co-inciding with the visit of Their Majesties to the city, if tentative plans of the Victoria J.C.C.L. materialize. Other Island groups in Chemainus, Port Alberni, Duncan and elsewhere will be contacted immediately regarding the feasibility of this scheme.

Former Ambassador to the United States of America, His Excellency, the Hon. Hiroshi Saito passed away February 26, in Washington, D. C. Youngest diplomat ever to be appointed to such a responsible post, he was known for his geniality and love of American life. He is succeeded by, His Excellency the Hon. Kensuke Horinouchi.

This decision was reached at the monthly meting of the chapter, held February 18, under the joint chairmanship of Miss Aiko Kondo and Muss Okamoto.

Possibility of the erection of a large floral arch to commemorate the Royal Visit to Victoria this spring was raised, when numerous suggestions were advanced as to the most fitting manner in which the community could celebrate the occas[illegible]

President Taro Yoneda [illegible] brief explanatory talk on [illegible] received from the S[illegible] Young Men's Association [illegible] with their amalgamation [illegible] Steveston Chapter of th[illegible]

A letter, complimenti[illegible] A. on taking this [illegible] for the betterment [illegible] cause, has been forw[illegible] Association.

Assessme[illegible]

The strong conditi[illegible] treasury moved memb[illegible] chapter to endorse the payment in full of t[illegible] assesment due the Nat[illegible]cil. At the same time [illegible]ment to the constit[illegible] annual membership fee[illegible]bers under eighteen w[illegible] from the regular one [illegible] fifty cents.

Representation on the Victoria and District Youth Council will be maintained by the appointment of Yukio Takahashi and Toshiko Hasegawa. The new appointees will relieve Sa[illegible] Okamoto and Frank Ohtake[illegible]

Toshiyuki Ioi was elected to [illegible] social, committee, to fill [illegible] vacancy caused by the resigna[illegible]tion of Masao Kuwabara.

Following an interesting report on the book, "The Japanese Canadians" given by Miss Aiko Kondo, the Chapter decided to purchase a copy for the benefit of members.

Fifteen High School Orators To Compete In J.S.C. Contest

Magee and Britannia Girls Favored

On Friday evening, March 3, at the Japanese Hall, aspiring high school orators will once again compete in the J.S.C. Oratorical Contest for the Nemichi Challenge Trophy.

Chairman of the committee, Tetsuo Aoki, has announced that the entry list is now closed and that all other preparations have been completed. The unexpected enthusiastic response from high school students has necessitated the raising of the original quota of twelve to fifteen.

Favourite Contestants

This year's list of contestants contains some familiar names. Norah Fujita whose name has become almost synonymous with oratorical contest, heads the list. However, last year's runner-up, Ina Kayahara, because of her constant practice in the Britannia High School Debating Society is conceded a good chance of winning this year's contest.

Another formidable and experienced competitor is Keiko Inouye of Mission who received honourable mention last year. All the "dark horses" require just as much watching as those who have already made a name for themselves in the oratorical world.

The draw for the order of speaking has already been completed. Mark Toyama of John Oliver will start off the contest with his speech on "Sweetness of Life."

No definite admission fee has been set but in order to defray the expenses of the contest a collection will be taken at the gate.

Last year's judges, Miss Hide Hyodo, Dr. Edward Banno and Mr. Shinobu Higashi have again consented to act in the same capacity.

List of Contestants

The following are to participate in the contest:

Mark Toyama, John Oliver, "Sweetness of Life"; Norah Fujita, Magee, "Knowledge — Our Key"; Yuki Ochiai, Britannia, "Religion"; Roy Oshiro, Britannia, "Our Responsibilities"; Mary Yamazaki, Magee, "Girl Guiding"; Emiko Inouye, John Oliver, "Friendship"; Eichi Yamada, King Edward; "Differences which exist between Canadians and Japanese"; Ina Kayahara, Britannia, "Television"; Yuriko Nagata, Britannia, "The King's Visit"; Hideo Shigei, Baynes, "Thoughts on Youth";

Martha Kayahara, Britannia, "To Solve the 2nd Generation Problems"; Keiko Inouye, Mission High, (Undecided); Mori Uyeno, Technical, "Vocational Guidance"; Masako Miyazaki, Fairview, "The Necessity of Japanese Language Study to The Nisei"; Roy Ito, Technical, "The Nazi Govt. of Germany."

Kelowna Niseis Organize Group

Co-operation Aim

Disdaining religious barriers, a group of enthusiastic second generations united February 11, to form the first organization of its kind in the interior of B. C., the Kelowna Nisei Club.

Among the objects of the club was the unification of Niseis in Kelowna, co-operation with other Canadians within their community, and participation in all civic undertakings.

I. Yamamoto was elected President and E. Yoshioka secretary treasurer; K. Kawahara and H. Mori were chosen as representatives of the club on the Kelowna Youth Council.

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THE DANGERS OF CLUB ACTIVITY

...he increasing social activity among the second gen-... within the folds of the Japanese community is ...ly impressive as an indication of an increasing ...consciousness. As such it contains much that is ... as a normal release and expression of man's gre-...stincts and as an unconscious educational force. **...t there is evident a very grave danger which ... leaders now, more than ever, must re-... ...e and avoid.**

...one can doubt that the vast majority of the second ...tion are destined to remain in Canada and that they ...be the parents of a new generation of Japanese ...ns. That being so, it must be evident that our most ... problem lies inevitably in our relations with Can-...ociety at large.

...us the improvement of these relations with that ... must be the guiding principle in the formation of ...programs.

Insofar, then, as group activity works towards that end, it is to be commended. And as long as group activity does not obscure our ultimate goal, nothing may be said in condemnation.

Unfortunately, however, this is not always the case. The ability and energy of too many Niseis are being expended in projects and functions which are little more than expressions of personality, rather than of any constructive value.

The extreme activity of these organizations, demanding all the time and the energy of its members, is tending much too strongly towards an increasing isolation of the Nisei from the community as a whole. Instead of aiding the process of contact and assimilation, these social functions, by monopolizing the entire interest of an individual definitely retards this process.

Where a group develops an individual's personality and fits him to make his contacts with Canadian society, then that organization's work is invaluable.

But where the program of an association is such that it fails to provide the opportunity for such development, or where the group activity prevents an individual from making these contacts, then, definitely the existence of that body is detrimental to the welfare of not only the second generation but also of the third and the fourth.

We draw attention to this danger at this time and trust that Nisei leaders will be prepared to direct all the latent potentialities of the youthful members of their community into the most constructive channels.

Seasons may come and seasons may go, but the Asahi's go on forever.

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The girls are really sitting pretty. For the younger, the Dolls Festival; and for the older, Spring with young man's fancy lightly turned.

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When Dame Justice came along to handle the question of [illegible], she must have used a very fishy set of scales.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ed's Note:—Letters must be short and accompanied with a signature. Those desiring to use pen names must so signify. We cannot be reponsible for the return of any material sent to these columns.

Apology

(Editor, The New Canadian)

SIR: I see in your issue of February 1st, page 4, a statement is made that I stated in the House that the question of illegal entry "was of minute importance."

Would you please let me know the date of Hansard, which is the official record of what is said in the House, in which I am recorded as making that statement?

The statement that I did so is false.

Yours faithfully,
A. W. Neill, M.P.
Ottawa

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Ed. Note: We apologize to the Hon. Mr. A. W. Neill. The write-up in question was made from a Canadian Press Dispatch dated January 17th. The statement was not made in the House but in an interview with reporters.

Nisei Misbehaviour

(Editor, The New Canadian)

SIR: Last Saturday evening I found myself in a most embarrassing situation. The incident which I am going to relate confounded me so much I felt that all second generation should hear of it and learn a lesson thereby.

With several of my Occidental friends I went to the Winter Gardens for an evening of roller skating. Previously I had enjoyed myself at this place when a Nisei organization sponsored a party. But to my surprise on this night I was refused admittance.

Naturally I asked, "Why?" The management politely but firmly informed me that they no longer trusted the Japanese. It seems that at the J.S.C. roller skating party Niseis conducted themselves in a most deplorable manner.

The owners of the Winter Gardens were indignant because many skate straps were missing, and some skates broken. Furthermore, some people showed no respect for such elementary rules as speeding and no skating on the softwood floor.

Some Niseis are going a little too far? Why can't we act in a more sensible way? Is it any wonder that we are discriminated against? When some of us carry on in such an irresponsible fashion, whom, but ourselves, can we blame for discrimination?

We are striving for equal rights in this country. Why should we not show by our every day actions that we deserve to be treated on equal terms as the other Canadians? It is the duty of each and every Nisei to try and live up to the principles of good citizenship. Only a small percentage of us are guilty of the mishehaviour which have come to my notice. But it is the whole group which has to suffer the consequences.

According to the newspapers more roller skating parties are being planned by groups in the community. Let us hope that in future club executives and individuals will take this unpleasant lesson to heart and be more careful in their actions.

We must prize the opinion of other Canadians if we ever expect to gain recognition as worthwhile Canadians. Above all we must take care not to acquire a reputation for untrustworthiness.

U.A.N.
Vancouver

Dr. Carrothers

(Editor, The New Canadian)

SIR: In recent issues of the Vancouver Daily Press two items concerning the Japanese population in B. C. have appeared. The first of these, taken from the columns of your paper, summarized the results of a survey conducted by this organization. The second contained a statement by Dr. W. A. Carrothers affirming the accuracy of the estimates prepared by the Bureau of Economics and Statistics.

Since our Association carried out the survey which raised this issue we would like to take the privilege of making our position clear.

Permit us to state, at the outset, that in conducting this survey, our association had no intention whatever of disputing the estimates of the bureau. We were impelled to make investigations by a genuine desire to discover the true facts of the situation, particularly in these troublesome times when racial antagonism against the Japanese has been very acute.

We carried out this survey for our own information and applied to it all the care and scientific technique at our disposal. At the same time we do not deny the possibility of error, since absolute accuracy is impossible in such a social investigation.

However the discrepancy between the estimates of the bureau and the survey figures are so large as to raise in our minds certain questions.

We have studied the report of the Bureau and have found that the returns under the heading "Net Emigration", so small that they cannot but be suspect. According to the Bureau estimates at no time since 1933 have those returning permanently to Japan exceeded 16.

While statistical evidence is lacking on this point, in the opinion of many qualified observers, intimately aware of trends within the Japanese community, the number of people emigrating to Japan has been considerably larger than the stated figures.

It is upon this point that doubts, if any, may be placed upon the absolute validity of the Board estimates. We have historic proof that the number of immigrants who returned to Japan has been exceptionally large. Although conditions have changed materially, we firmly believe that this trend still continues.

In closing may we re-affirm our position. Our association is sincere in its efforts to aid in the solution of the so-called Japanese problem of British Columbia. It is only through an accurate knowledge of our situation that the many misunderstandings may be dispelled and the formation of a constructive policy leading to an eventual just solution be made possible.

Y. Kawata, Secretary,
Canadian Japanese Assn.

Ed's. Note: A very interesting letter, signed simply "The Nisei," has reached us. However, the writer failed to sign his name. We hope that he will communicate immediately with us, so that the letter may be published in the next issue.

The writer's anonymity will be respected if he so desires. We are requesting this, not through lack of faith, but as a part of our editorial policy.

TO ANGELA

Dear Angela, I'm in one of these down-in-the-dump moods. I remember how you laughed at me whenever I got serious like this. But there are times when a guy can't but feel low when he is scraping the bottom.

This morning I was talking with Dick. You know, Dick from Steveston? He used to live near us once and we were chummy and all that. His old man used to fish up in the Skeena and he left his kids in town to go to school.

Well, when Dick's old man started hitting the sixties, he couldn't do any more fishing and so Dick left school just about the time I did—we were in grade nine then—and moved down to Steveston to fish.

Well that was about ten years ago.

PARTNER DICK

Oh they were having some trouble then about fishing licences and he couldn't get the licence his old man once had. He got some kind of boat-puller's licence and he worked as a partner with someone or the other on his dad's boat.

Well, perhaps you remember Dick, the way he used to work so darn hard when he was still goin' to school, delivering the Canada Daily News every night after school, rain, shine or snow. Well by gosh, he worked just as hard when he started to fish!

FISHER DICK

He was consistently high-boat man. In the winter time I used to see him in town and then we'd go and have a "soba" together and talk of old days. He used to tell me that fishing is O.K. as long as you know the ropes. But I could see how he used to chafe when he didn't have anything to do in the winter.

Well, he got married to the cutest girl in the world. Her name was Jean something or other. I got an invite but for some reason I couldn't go to the wedding. Well he sure was happy, but he had to work doubly hard to keep up the expenses of the cute bungalow he moved into.

HUSBAND DICK

All the Steveston Niseis were green with envy. Jean was a swell cook and a swell housekeeper, she'd been working for so long, you see, in Canadian homes. Their home was quite a contrast to Dick's old shack by the river and it was a real love nest.

They got a baby boy last fall Boy, Dick was recklessly happy and proudly called him Malcolm Yoshio. Gosh, it seemed so funny to think that he would give his kid a Scotch name. But he insisted.

But the last time I saw him he was feeling pretty low. He heard that they were going to cancel all boat-puller's licences.

I felt pretty bad hearing Dick—Dick the level-headed and swell fellow cursing the whites for persecuting the Niseis here.

TOLERANT DICK

I couldn't say a thing, knowing how punk he must have felt. It hurt me too because he's always tolerant and friendly to everyone, including his Canadian chums.

But a guy can't help himself going batty like that if he sees all his dreams crumbling and doesn't understand all the inside stuff about it all. After all he's been fishing for over ten years since he was knee-high to a grasshopper. And a lot of fishing lore stewing in him and nothing else.

I suppose he'll have to give up his home.

HEART-BROKEN DICK

What he's sore about is that

See Angela Page 7

LOG OF A NISEI LOGGER

NISEI SKETCH No. 5

The history of the Japanese in British Columbia is intimately bound up with the life of Frank Uyehara. Victoria of the dim '90's was his birth place; and like her, he was one of the first in B. C.—She of cities, and he of Nisels.

Fittingly enough clerical work in the store of Manzo Nagano, the first Japanese to land in Canada, provided him with his first means of livelihood.

And for a half century he has lived here. B. C. has been his only home. And he has as yet to see the country of his forebearers. Should fortune smile upon him, he is determined to visit the country that he has heard so much about.

Life was no easy matter. He left school early in his youth to aid the family finances; his father, a great timber baron, had fallen on evil days.

Memories of boyhood are overshadowed by the figure of his father. Frank speaks of him with reverent awe. "My dad came from London on one of those sailing schooners. I can't see how he ever got there. But when he came to Canada he already knew English well. I remember him reading the English newspapers. In those early days he was one of the very few who could understand the language and he was respected by all the Japanese."

SPEAKS ENGLISH

His father was one of British Columbia's pioneer lumbermen. Frank remember the days when his father and his uncle logged off the site of the present Hastings Park. He recalls his father building the great Capilano flume. He remembers the mad rush of logs from their holdings at the foot of the Lions or the head of the Seymour intake down to the waters of Burrard Inlet.

Warmed by these reminiscences Frank rambles on, "He was a contractor for mining props. I can recall the days when he had as many as five sailing ships loading these poles for Mexico, India and Australia. Dad was one of those who logged off the Gulf Islands—Cortez, Mayne, Gabriola, and Ganges. The Chemainus Lumber Company too, was started by him."

BORN IN WOODS

Thus he was born with the tang of fir and spruce in his nostrils. And for the greater part of his life he has lived in the woods. Nothing gives him greater joy than the moments when in hob-nailed boots and tent-coat he strides through the aisles between trees that reach up to the sky.

For two decades he operated his own logging camps, employing at times crews of more than a hundred men. He tried hard to work in mixed gangs of Japanese and Occidental Canadians, but because of language difficulties his experiments failed. At one time, however, he operated three camps simultaneously.

Thus he is steeped with the lore of the woods. Unassuming Frank belies the knowledge that he possesses. He can tell you with tender love and lingering memories every intimate detail of the stages of logging methods used in British Columbia from the logging days of Paul Bunyan, legendary figure of the North Woods to the present high-rigging system.

FREE LANCER

Today he has sold all his operations. Although he is attached to several companies in the capacity of advisor, he is a free lancer. He is recognized by lumbermen as one of the best timber cruisers on the coast, who admit that no one knows as much as he does about the peculiar logging conditions of the B. C. Coast.

But his life has not been restricted to work alone. He was the organizer of the first Asahi baseball team some years ago. He chuckles as he relates how time and time again because of shortage of players the team was forced to rope in a couple of recruits from Chinatown to fill empty positions on the diamond.

The same adroitness that has marked him out in the woods was first shown on the baseball field. He relates how one day he was discovered by a scout and offered a position on one of the professional teams of the Pacific North West League.

NISEI SKETCH

But the characteristic of Frank that is most outstanding is his thorough Canadianization. His medium of expression is English, his tastes in food, entertainment and hobbies are all Canadian. Even in his loyalty to Canada he is the Tory. And no wonder, for he comes from a family noted for its faithfulness to British ideals.

His two brothers served in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in the Great War, one with the Machine Gun Corps and the other with the British Imperials. One came back badly gassed. Frank himself enlisted but was prevented from going to the front by the signing of the Armistice.

This same loyalty to Canada embraces his loyalty to the Nisei. His greatest ambition is to operate a logging camp with an all Nisei Crew.

And Frank, unknown and unrecognized goes about his quiet way, laying great plans for the achievement of his ideals, dreaming of the day when the Nisei will come into his own.

Canada can well be proud of a fine citizen in Frank Uyehara, and Niseis of an exemplary big brother.

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Tommey Homma

Story of Struggle

Tommey Homma! To every student of the second generation franchise problem, his name brings to mind the first valiant efforts of naturalized Japanese to gain those rights inherent in their citizenship.

Yet, the story of his efforts and his sacrifices is left untouched by the dry records of his day. But behind the drab outline of a series of trials that finally reached the Privy Council is a tale that cannot fail to move even the most indifferent.

EXERCISES FRANCHISE

It was in 1893, after gaining his naturalization papers and having established domicile as required by law, that he attempted to cast his vote in one of the polling stations in his electoral ward.

The returning officer in charge refused to allow him to enter the polling boths. Tommey Homma took his case to the district court. There, the judges passed the verdict that rights pertaining to British citizenship should in no way be denied to an individual because of race.

But he could not rejoice for long in his victory. Anti-Japanese sentiment ranged itself against him in a determined stand. Supported by the political bosses of the time, the returning officer appealed the decision of the District Court to the Provincial Court.

Tommey Homma faced defeat even before he appeared before the Chief Justice. As was expected the verdict was returned against him.

SUPREME COURT

But his courage was not to be daunted. He threw his whole heart and fortune into the fight. The vision of coming generations fired him as he laid plans to take his case to the Supreme Court of Canada.

By this time the papers were full of the gallant stand of Tommey Homma. The whole Japanese community too, were stirred by the efforts of this lone individual. Funds began to pour in, friends vowed their sympathies and pledged their aid.

But by a queer quirk of fate, as often happens in the involved world of litigation and counter-litigation, the issue changed from its original aspect. No more was it the situation of a British Subject claiming the right inherent in his citizenship, but a question of whether the provincial government had not overstepped its powers in passing such measures against Her Majesty's subjects.

"ULTRA VIRES"

The integrity and the justice of the Supreme Court of Canada remained unsullied. With characteristic dispatch they ruled that the Provincial Legislation was "ultra vires."

But his opponents did not remain satisfied. Mustering all the public opinion in their favour and the "higher-ups" in the political sphere, they appealed the decision to the Privy Council in London.

From lawyers who participated in the bitter litigation, comes the admission that the case was, to use the vernacular, "cooked plenty." Tommey Homma was not given a chance. The Privy Council reversed the decision of the Supreme Court.

And to this day the decision of the Privy Council stands as an unsurmountable obstacle in the way of the Nisei who should wish to gain political recognition through the arduous path of law suits on law suits.

But if Tommey Homma's effort was premature, his sacrifice remains to this day a by-word among old timers. But unfortunately to the Nisei he is a forgotten figure.

LAST YEARS

To-day in the secluded cannery hamlet of Sherman in West Vancouver, Tommey Homma, now in his 75th year passes the declining years of his life, surrounded by a devoted circle of stalwart sons and daughters and a loving wife, and respected by a host of Canadian friends.

And as he sits in his bed, afflicted with paralysis he looks back at the stirring years of his prime. From day to day he lives in volumes of clippings made by himself.

And in his confinement, he sees beyond the limit of the room adorned only with a picture of the Royal Family of England. He remembers the days when on the corner of Carrall and Dupont Street—the red-light area of Vancouver in her lusty youth, he kept a boarding-house for Japanese immigrants.

He trembles with sadness as he remembers starving arrivals from Japan, immediately upon landing, dropping dead on the streets, stricken with beri-beri. He remembers the privations of these early settlers for whose care he spent his funds unstintingly. And he lives in the serenity of the knowledge that he has done his best.

Niseis can well learn from the guiding principle of this gentleman, scholar, and pioneer of pioneers; "If we be honest and sincere in all we do, we need not mind the persecutions heaped upon us."

Cumberland-Born Nisei Singer THRILLS LOS ANGELES

Aiko Saita Scores Triumph In Return Engagement

(Staff Writer Rafu Shimpo)
Special to the New Canadian

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25—Singing her way into the hearts of the listeners, Aiko Saita, enthusiastically received by a capacity crowd that filled the spacious Betsuin Auditorium, again thrilled the audience with her vocal renditions at her return concert held last night under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles Betsuin Young Buddhists Association.

Contralto

Aiko Saita

In answer to repeated curtain calls from an appreciative audience of music lovers, the Canadian-Nisei contralto sang Japanese folk songs ranging from the popular modern versions as well as old favorites, revealing her versatility.

Many Encores

Filled with the joy of singing, Miss Saita brought her program to a close by singing as a final encore number, the stirring "Aikoku Koshin-kyoku." Ever gracious and charming, the vocalist sang among her other encores, the gay "Oshima Okesa" and the popular "Manshu-tayori" besides "Bateren Musume" and "Hime... Namida."

The singer convinced her listeners of her capability in the field of opera with her interpretations of the aria from "La Gioconda" and the well known "Habanera" from Bizet's "Carmen."

Rich Voice

The mezzo-contralto possesses a voice rich and resonance but ability which gives singing.

She was ably accompanied at the piano by Akira Umemoto.

Immediately following the concert, Rinban J. Yukawa, head advisor of the Y.B.A., sponsors of the event, was host at a reception with Miss Saita as guest of honor at the local San Kwo Low Cafe.

Jack Iwata, Busei leader, in charge of the general arrangements was also honored.

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Student Advance Draws Crowd

U.B.C. Delegates Return Impressed

Two hundred Japanese University students from approximately ten colleges in the Pacific North-West converged over the week-end on the University of Washington to attend the first Pacific North-West Intercollegiate Advance of its kind.

The local University delegation attending this epoch-making gathering was composed of Saburu Takahashi, George Yamashita, Michi Tabata and Kenji Kitumura, popular J.S.C. president.

Discussion Groups

An interesting feature of the conference was the common conclusion arrived at by all the discussion groups, namely that all ... problems when analyzed ... fully resolve into problems ... the individual whose only solution lies in the attitude of each son.

In the late afternoon a symposium on the question "Can Democracy Persist," was undertaken by authoritative members ... the Department of Political ... of the University of ...ngton.

... ugh examination of the ... features of existing ... institutions revealed ... cracy in the truest ... term could not pre... world.

... these educational ... ference the program included a banquet, an informal mixer and a sight-seeing tour.

Student Initiative

When interviewed the delegates were unanimous in their praise of the initiative of the University of Washington students for sponsoring the conference and expressed the hope that this event would become an annual affair.

... Kitamura took a prominent part in the group discussing the problem of "Adjustment to Social Environment." Takahashi attended the "Vocational Opportunities" ...ups, while Yamashita and Ta... chose to sit in on the group ...ling "Undergraduate Problems."

...P.S. Debate ...ll Attended

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... event held on Sunday ...y 26, was attended by ...out 50 Y.P. members and ...ds and by thirty visitors from ...Vancouver. ... turned Ohori rendered two ...

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Minamide Wins Oratorical Cup

Hompa Hall Scene of Successful Contest

Before an audience that jammed the Hompa Hall to overflowing, Sunday February 19, fifteen eloquent speakers from points throughout B. C. competed for the Bishop's cup in the annual All-Canada Oratorical Meet.

Shoji Minamide, Steveston Y.M.B.A. representative speaking on the topic, "Behold your Fathers," won the distinction of being the most fluent orator in the Japanese language in all B. C. His score was 453 points out of a possible 500.

Second place was won by Nobuye Hikida of the Fairview Y.W.B.A. Tied for third place were Hajime Horiuchi, Gakuyukai speaker and Takeo Kitamura of Fairview, Y.M.B.A.

Presentations were made by Reverend Z. Aoki. Judges were Chancellor Ogawa, Bishop Aoki and Messrs. R. Nagasawa, D. Suzuki and Y. Yamamoto.

Kumano Thrills Audience

Roy Kumano, well-known Nisei harmonica artist, was enthusiastically received when he appeared as guest artist at the anniversary banquet of St. Giles United Church, Tuesday evening, February 28.

Mr. Kumano's principal selection was his own arrangement of Brahms' "Hungarian Dance No. 6," the rendition of which required five harmonicas.

PRIZE WINNING SPEECH

"Behold Your Fathers!"

By S. MINAMIDE

Entrusting all to the mercy of the boundless Pacific, and with courageous resolve, breasting the mountainous waves of the ocean, a band of eager men start a long perilous voyage. And as they make the first imprint of their feet on a great new continent, they look back to the country of their birth, peering into the hazy distance.

Imagine, this youthful group of men filled with emotion! Imagine this scene, for they are our parents of some three decades ago!

Struggle

From the moment of their arrival begins a history of hardship and struggle in this new land. Persecutions that are neither remedial nor on the other hand noxious are never conducted for long. But in the case of our fathers, if they were strange and vulgar in their ways they met with an attitude at once critical and hostile. If they were refined and elegant, minds haunted with fear and envy levelled barbs of discrimination against them.

The first thing that marked our parents in the eyes of the Canadians must have been their yellow skin and their poverty-stricken appearance. Our fathers were regarded with a mixture of curiosity and suspicion. Things were well as long as the reaction of the Canadian people stopped with that. But because of these physical characteristics, time and again, without ceremony, they were denied an equal place in the scheme of things.

But at first our fathers must have brushed aside these unfounded discriminations with a smile. Yet when their industry and perseverance became more and more apparent, the nature of these discriminations and antagonisms became more complex. Agitators looked around for the bases of their accusations and came out with the gross charges of low standards of living, high birth-rate, and similar attacks.

Strength

This storm of hostile acts originating from misunderstanding, did not break the strength of our parents. Our parents fought through these days, some girding their belts more tightly as they faced the elements in some remote logging camp, some wrapping their thin straw coverings more closely to their bodies as they lay in some miserable "cannery house."

Through their efforts they carved out a niche for posterity in the economic life of Canada. Let us look back at the heroic figures of our parents. Let us relive the moments of strife and hardship when with sheer brawn and muscle they hewed their homes from the wilderness or fished for their living in the treacherous currents of the Fraser.

But if these hardships were hardships to be faced by themselves alone, they were willing to accept them as they came, recognizing in them a tempering force, building body and spirit. But the real difficulties were yet to come.

Second Generation

From the day his children, fathered in his own loins, came to him, he faced increasing obstacles.

Weighed with the cares of his offspring he abandoned the happy-go-lucky attitude of his bachelor days. He restrained his indignation, he tempered his youthful hot-headedness. He saw

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NISEIS ACTIVE IN CITY SCHOOLS

Variety Of Interest Shown

King Ed Excerpts

Amy Horisaki, Shirley Handa and Fay Okumura are basketball devotees in this school. You can see them working away Thursday afternoons at the practice.

Bob Nishino and Fred Kobayashi have made quite a name for themselves as tumblers.

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King Edward triumphed over the highly touted Grandview High School of Commerce table-tennis team by a score of 3-2. Those who made the match an outstanding spectacle were George Yoshinaka, Benny Nakamura, and Kanao Asada.

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On the afternoon of February 16th, Chizu Kurisu, Shirley Handa, Tamako Nagawawa, Etsuko Nimi, and Miyo Ishiwata, attended a recital given by the noted Sisters Trio in the Kitsilano High School auditorium.

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North Burnaby Browsings

After a great deal of intensive research, we find that there is a grand total of three Niseis in the entire school.

Problem: If this number represents four-fifths of one per cent of the total number of pupils in the school, find the number enrolled.

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Lloyd, the male half of the brother and sister Shimotakahara combination, is a rugby and ping-pong enthusiast. Last season, he played on the school rugby team and also on a school ping-pong team, which, by wins over Templeton and Technical B and a draw with South Burnaby, managed to make the play-offs.

Box soccer and basketball are the chief interests of K. Fujimagari, the other member of the group.

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Fairview Fanfare

Our Fairview correspondent reports that the recent School Concert given in the Kitsilano High School auditorium was a great success. Orchids to Fusako Inose, Marie Akiyama and Kiro Miyazawa for playing their parts so successfully.

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Congratulations to Mutsuko Ikeda for winning second prize in the school poster contest recently.

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Technical Tattles

Who hasn't seen the familiar green and gold adorning the huskies of this strictyl masculine institute of polytechnics. Its one hundred and nine Japanese discipuli are representative of all parts of the city and even of outside centres.

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Puffs: The sole Japanese aspirant of the virile practice of culinary art is Komori, who hails from Marpole.

Slivers: "Anything from a house to a Charlie McCarthy"—that might well be the future shingle of Nekeda of Class 3.

A Case of Understudy—

"Where's K. (Peanuts) Koyanagi of Class 11?"

"Here! Right below you." floats up a timid voice like mist ascending from a valley to the peaks of its surrounding mountains.

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Honks: Two Grease Monks in in the Making—G. Hayashi and T. Idenouye, both of Class 4.

It was with sorrow that the school observed the passing of a member of the staff, Mr. W. Wilson, on the 24th of February.

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All hands full in the Paper Drive, now in progress. As if that isn't enough, some tireless souls are out selling tickets for the forthcoming Spring Concert. We notice particularly certain swains notorious for their sloth, kicking up dust in their efforts to dispose of a few ducats. Reason? With each ticket sold is to be given a free pass to a matinee performance—and Kits is a co-ed school . . . !

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Many members of the recently formed Kitsilano Radio Club are students of this school. They include G. Suzuki, J. Kobayashi, M. Yatabe, M. Nakashiba, C. Terada, C. Shimizu and K. Sakaguchi. J. Kobayashi who is a technical instructor of the club, owns and operates amateur radio station VE5AEJ and is also a prominent member of the school Amateur Radio Club. As the projectionist's assistant, G. Suzuki is a valuable member of the school.

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Britannia Bulletin

Synonym: T. Hirano and ping-pong. Besides being in the Ping-Pong Club at school, T. H. plays for the Gakuyukai team.

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Associate the name Dick Matsui with model aeroplanes and jiving. Hush! We hear that the only time that Dick hurries is when he goes to school in the mornings. Who is it that makes even school more agreeable, Dick?

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Britannia is very proud in having a great Nisei Orator as one of her students. At a morning gathering in the school auditorium, Ina Kayahara gave an inspiring appeal on behalf of the Debating Society to the whole school.

As a result there are more new faces at the meeting of the Society. Keep up the good work, Ina, and good luck to you in the coming Oratorical contest!

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This year the Hi-Y girls' club has twice the number of Nisei girl members as before. Kaz Saniya, chairman of the conference committee, represented the school at the Mid-winter Conference in Seattle.

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We apologize. Roy Oshiro's name was accidentally omitted from the championship rugby team's list in the last issue. Roy is also the popular and hard-working president of the Basketball Club.

GRANDVIEW GLANCES

"A Carnival of Nations" under the joint auspices of the Dancing Club, the School Orchestra and the Glee Club is to be presented in March. Amy Oke is a member of the dancing group. Mary Yamada and Yoshiko Hinatsu are instrumentalists on the orchestra.

Takeo Yamada is in charge of the illustrations and cartoons in the forthcoming "Grandview Annual."

NOTICE

Through circumstances quite beyond our control some of our subscribers did not receive their papers. In the future if any similar neglect should occur we would appreciate your phoning to notify us. We will have a copy delivered to you promptly.

Odds and Ends

BY DEBORAH

Well, this is one time I have this column all to myself. My co-columnist, who calls himself "I," is sometimes irritating in his egoism. But did you notice the grammatical error which he had in the by-line—"By Deborah and "I"?

It escaped the eyes of two editors, two proof-readers and I suppose, the myriad readers that he prides himself on having. Just imagine writing "By Deborah and I" when it should have been "By Deborah and Me."

The supreme egoist that he is, he tried to explain to me that he used "I" consciously to get the ending to rhyme with "by". Imagine such a foolish trumped-up excuse.

Now that I have this column I'm going to get back at him and show him that there are good poetesses in this world.

I suppose he'd call Edna St. Vincent Millay a second-rater; I think that she's one of the finest contemporary lyricists. Here's her *Passer Mortuus Est.*

Death devours all lovely things:
Lesbia with her sparrow
Shares the darkness,—presently
Every bed is narrow.

Unremembered as old rain
Dries the sheer libation;
And the little petulant hand
Is an annotation.

After all, my erstwhile dear,
My no longer cherished,
Need we say it was not love,
Now that love is perished?

No matter how my co-columnist may sputter, this is a great poem. Or the pointedness of this epigram matches that of any male writer.

GROWN-UP

Was it for this I muttered prayers,
And sobbed and cursed and kicked the stairs,
That now, domestic as a plate,
I should retire at half past eight?

Women do not concentrate all their energies on writing about the intimate scenes of their home. When they so desire they are quite capable of treating with subjects of the day. Witness Anne Lady Winchelsea's *The Soldier's Death.*

Trail all your pikes, dispirit every drum,
March in slow procession from afar,
Ye silent, ye dejected men of war!
Be still the hautboys, and the flute be dumb!
Display no more, in vain, the lofty banner;
For see! where on the bier before ye lies
The pale, the fall'n, th' untimely sacrifice
To your mistaken Shrine, to the false Idol Honour.

My boy friend took me to see Idiot's Delight last night. And the theme of the story was the curse of war upon the little man.

Come to think of it, Countess Winchelsea's poem is as modern today as the day she wrote it—when Marlborough's campaigns on the continent, early in the eighteenth century, were bringing death to thousands of splendid youths.

And yet, if you listen only to Mr. "I" you might think that women were only destined to work in the kitchen and cook and raise a flock of little children. I have a feeling that if he were married his wife would be restricted to "church, children, and kitchen."

There's another thing which I can't stand. He always rails at me because of my name. But he doesn't remember that my name-sake, Deborah of the Old Testament, is the earliest known poet registered in the history of the human race.

Nothing can compare with the fierce zeal of the song of triumph that she sang at the defeat of the Canaanites.

It is akin to the cry of a lioness over the salvation of her cubs.

Here is the King James Version of her song. It is superb in its impassioned fierceness coming from a truly barbaric heart untouched by the civilizing influences of the religion she proposes.

"Praise ye the Lord for the avenging of Israel when the people willingly offered themselves.

Hear, O ye Kings; give ear, O ye Princes; I, even I, will sing unto the Lord; I will sing praise to the Lord God of Israel.

Lord, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water . . .

Blessed above women shall Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite be; blessed shall she be above women in the tent.

He asked water, and she gave him milk; she brought forth butter in a lordly dish.

She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workman's hammer; and with the hammer she smote Sisera; she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.

At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down; at her feet he bowed, he fell; where he bowed there he fell down dead . . .

JUDGES 5.

The last sentence that I've quoted is beautiful in its utter simplicity.

So there you are Mr. "I".

"THE MINICAM"
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SPEECH

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that the welfare of a future generation was at stake.

Only this belief gave him the courage to suffer insult; to suffer hostility—ever hoping in the days of his children this disgrace would be removed. Only this gave him the strength to carry on tight-lipped and uncomplaining.

Homesickness

And in the face of these odds he must have felt the overwhelming sadness of missing his homeland, beloved faces and beloved scenes. Human kind holds dear the happy moments of childhood. Man loves the place where he passed his golden youth. How much more then did the hardships that our fathers face recall to them with almost unbearable nostalgia the carefree life in the country of their birth.

Everywhere he turned he saw things alien to him; he heard tongues strange and unintelligible. Even his children he realized were becoming strange to him in their ways. And the realization of the fact that they must become more Canadianized with the passing of time must have made his voluntary exile the harder to bear.

Behold the Japanese language schools the manifestation of a supreme father's love. Behold the Japanese religious institutions that he built in an attempt to save his children from the utter despair that must have haunted him. Somehow he strove to leave a little of the old to his offspring.

Toll of Struggle

And the struggle of his desires and the bringing of these ideals to fruition took their too cruel toll from him. See your father's brow. See the deep furrows on his face and count them one by one, for in these are engraved the moments of perseverance and sorrow and loneliness . . .

For thirty odd years your fathers led a life of struggle, patience and sorrow. And what have we done to alleviate his burdens as he faces again moments of renewed persecution? Let us look at the situation anew.

Agitation breaks out once more. Our fathers' products are boycotted in the name of justice and peace. Our parents' fishing licences are being reduced. Not only his trade licences but our own are in the danger of being taken away from us. Even the privileges inherent in our birthright as British Citizens are denied us and our naturalized parents.

Facing these past thirty years of suffering, perseverance and sadness, we must forget our own selves. We must strive to free our parents in the last years of their life of hardships and privation and attempt to bring to them comfort.

Does not this sacrifice of our parents reserve the most inspired efforts of our hearts, our minds, and our souls?

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OUT OF TOWN NEWS

Capital City Chatter

By IONI GOSSIPPE

Note: All names are entirely fictitious. Any resemblances to living persons are purely coincidental, and must be regarded as such.

Saburo Takahashi, dish-wiper par excellence, is sure keeping himself in condition, so we hear. The J.C.C.L. social committee will offer him an honorary position as official crockery disinfector when he comes home for his holidays this year.

By the way, How's the Skating? Oh, Oh, still a little touchy in more places than one aren't you?

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Dedicated to that certain oratorical artist: We've tried awfully hard to find out who the conversationalist on this end of the wire was during that certain phone call. But to date no luck! Won't you tell So-ne?

What Nisei Boys' basketball team got barely (?) nosed out (?) by a senior girls' team recently to the tune of 42-41? We never saw a bunch of fellows become sunburnt in so short a time. But in a couple of days the redness had gone out of their faces. Better luck next time boys, but keep your eyes on the ball.

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Mystery of the week—a certain **Yukio Takahashi** and a certain **Masa Kuwabara** on a certain Saturday night? Wait till I finish my correspondence course for amateur detectives!

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Aki, is going about quite starry-eyed these days. He makes us wonder if he's found out the sender of that sweet little Valentine card.

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Another party had a blowout after receiving a sweet card. He jumped into the air and shouted: "They can't say that about my bus! One of these days I'll really have her doing thirty per, and then we'll see if she'll fall apart. Why at that speed the air resistance will hold her together, even if the hay-wire won't!!"

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Charges of frame-up have been levelled by "Toe"tut, recently elected third member to the J.C.C.L. social committee. Not "elected" is the word for "Toe," but "Selected."**

We noticed **Taro** and **Muss** getting a great laugh out of the expression on the face of a "Sleeping Beauty" all through the night, pardon, we mean a recent gathering. Oh, for a candid camera.

STEVESTON STATIC

"Resolved that the present Japanese marriage system in British Columbia is unsatisfactory" was the interesting debate topic which the Steveston Y.P.S. chose for their regular Sunday evening programme on February 26.

The affirmative of the resolution was successfully upheld by a girls' team consisting of **Kay Oda, Shirley Mori, and Elaine Nishida.** The negative team of **Alfred Okimi, Tadao Naruse** and **Fred Nishi** took the defeat in a manly fashion. Reverend Nomoto and Mr. M. Kuba acted as judges.

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The Steveston Y.P.S. has been invited to visit the South Arm Y.P.S. on March 3rd, Friday. Since the South Arm Y.P.S. is an Occidental group it is hoped that as many as possible of the local members will take part in this visit.

SUNBURY SNACKS

By THOMAS TAMAKI

On February 24th **Mr. T. Takahashi**, purser of the N.Y.K. ship, Hikawa Maru, gave a very interesting address on the present Sino-Japanese affair and the recent Japanese-Soviet fishing problem in the Sakhalin district.

Later he spoke briefly on the merits and the weaknesses of the Niseis in Canada and the United States. "Among the Niseis there is a keen sense of sportsmanship and frankness," said Mr. Takahashi, "but, generally speaking, the Niseis lack such virtues as ambition, courage, patience and will power." In other words "less wishbone and more backbone" make a fine Nisei slogan.

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On Sundays several energetic lacrosse players were out practising "the fastest game on two feet." There are a few very promising players and at the rate they are improving it shouldn't be long before they're offered a berth in the Inter-city League.

Coached by **Tsugio Suzuki**, a veteran defenseman who played with the Crescent Islanders [illegible] the Delta Lacrosse League, Sunbury should have a fairly strong team before long.

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Suggests **Tom Oikawa**, chairman of the Sunbury [illegible] Sports Committee, "Let [illegible] a baseball team this s[illegible] enough baseball tale[illegible] Look out Taiyos, T[illegible] Asahis too!

[illegible] ...hies ...pions!

Very shortly K[illegible] an active member [illegible] J.C.C.L., w[illegible] for th[illegible] calm and placid [illegible] mony. Bon Voyage, Koji!

Prince Rupert Pat[illegible]

By GEORGE HAMASAKI

A large group of young peo[illegible] gathered at the C.N.R. wha[illegible] Friday, February 10, to say goo[illegible] bye to the newly-wedded cou[illegible] **Mr. and Mrs. Y. Mori, (nee K[illegible] Nishio)**, who are making th[illegible] home in Jedway. We will all m[illegible] Kazu, and hope that she will [illegible] back on a visit soon.

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Leaving at the same time w[illegible] **Tsuneji Nakamoto**, on a visit, **Mr. and Mrs. S. Kadonaga** a[illegible] **Tomi** and **Yuki Katsuyama** Queen Charlotte Islands.

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Miss Yuki Nakatani retur[illegible] from Vancouver Sunday, F[illegible] ary 12.

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The Nippon Young Peop[illegible] Association took charge of [illegible] Evening Service, Sunday, Feb[illegible] ary 26 at a special Young Peop[illegible] Service. At the regular meet[illegible] on the 18th, **Miss E. Heaps** gav[illegible] brief talk on music.

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Under the Auspices of [illegible] Japanese Association, "Kigen[illegible] su" was observed, February 1[illegible] the Kai Kan Hall. Pupils of [illegible] Gakuen took part in the prog[illegible] On the same evening the [illegible] Cove community observed [illegible] event by holding a social in [illegible] community hall.

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THIN ICE

By SO-NE HEN-NE I-I

In spite of all my warnings someone fell through the Thin Ice last week. There was a terrible splash. Even I got a little wet around the hem of my skirt. Here is the transgressor with a plaintiff plea, my first fan mail!

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Dear So-ne Hen-ne! Is it too much to ask of you to add a qualifying P. S. to an item in the last issue, that I, the undersigned, is not the fortunate person referred to?

Embarrassing and frequently fruitless are the explanations I have been forced to give, a dozen times daily. Of late I am beginning to believe that perhaps it is true, and have accepted the last seventeen proferred felicitations with indistinct mumblings.

So help me, Thin Ice!

Dr. Edward C. Banno.

But I've heard rather different stories. Whenever a girl asks, "When are you going to announce the engagement?" the immediate answer is a very distinct, "Just as soon as you say, yes!" You'd better watch out, Doc, or before you know it, you'll have a bride on your hands.

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It seems that a great many of the would-be "he-men" have gone back to kindergarten—cutting out pictures and pasting them in a book. You may see the "Italian" basketballer carrying a huge oblong looking book. No, it isn't anything so thrilling as Mussolini's scrap-book. It's merely a common-place scrap-album.

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Here's a new idea girls. Beg, borrow, or steal as many men's tie-pins as possible and have them soldered together in a spray. Result—a lovely new brooch which will draw the admiration of your beau so long as he doesn't recognize his own property.

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The greatly publicized basketball game and dance is over. The highlights . . . Who knows. We may have won that game after all what with the score-keeper teaching two beautiful [illegible] how to hang clothes on his "Sports Clothesline" and [illegible] keep the score at the same time . . . Rosie passing on [illegible] Vaughn Moore technique to the girls . . . A suggestion [illegible] boys that angora dresses should be strictly forbidden [illegible] dance floor. Everyone who danced with a certain green [illegible] was rewarded with a cleaner's bill . . . Maroon is a ill [illegible] colour among the girls. Why not give the boys a surprise to [illegible] it up the monotony? . . . Who's the guilty gentleman [illegible] and left him stranded with two lovely belles? [illegible] the boys know stags would be out of the picture with the popular visitors around, especially Handsome [illegible], the biggest hit of the evening . . . Everybody's refrain during the last waltz "I'm dancing with tears in my eyes, 'cause the girl in my arms isn't you."

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He spent $25.00 for dancing lessons. He bought a pair of shiny patent leather dancing pumps. He's looking for a bargain sale of dress-suits. Who is he? He's that husky "Big Block" cave-man, who keeps the neighbours awake practising his dance routine.

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The greatest practical joker found himself the victim of one of his own jokes. Having embarrassed a certain girl by replacing her brand new running shoes with his old size 12's he received the latter back beautifully painted in all hues of the rainbow. Says Y.Y. "At last I have found something to distract women's attention from my handsome profile."

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Don't be frightened girls, if you think you see a member of the zoo walking along Powell Street. It's only Sally's elegant fur [illegible]. However, it is rather inconvenient to have to step off the [illegible] in order to let him pass—isn't it?

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Boys arrived in droves to witness feminine pulchritude and [illegible] upon the basketball floor. To their disappointment only [illegible] girls of the forty that turned out were in cute shorts. However Eiko and Koko may have made up for all the rest.

On the side-lines: Kaz dividing his attention between the [illegible] sitting beside him and the cavorting coquettes . . . A [illegible] babble of talking from excited Jack only interrupted whenever a certain little girl made an outstanding play . . . Zen [illegible] chewing at a string. Was the game that exciting, or [illegible]? . . . Haro wishing that he were in Coach Shig's shoes . . . [illegible] boys over-whelmed upon seeing so much beauty gathered in [illegible] spot united in singing "I love you truly," all the way to the [illegible] gym.

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The Reason why Roy traded in his Willys for a Baby Austin—the roadster held more girls than even he could handle at one time. The new car holds only three girls and Roy is quite confident that he can manage them and drive at the same time. But, don't worry girls, the Austin is only a make-shift—he intends to get a roomier car in the near future.

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Apparently there are many Georges and many green hats [illegible] Jimmy reports that George put a special identification on the "green-hat" item before sending the New Canadian [illegible]. Brother Vernie reports that George goes to bed with [illegible] hat on and in rainy weather he carefully wraps it up [illegible] in case the colour should run.

[illegible] George has [illegible] in ice. Better watch out!

[illegible] Dame Justice came [illegible] this [illegible], she must have used a [illegible]

CALENDAR

SOME COMING EVENTS

MARCH

3—J.S.C. Oratorical Contest for high school students, Japanese Hall, 7:30 p.m., silver collection.
—Fuji Ski Club Dance, Hastings Auditorium, 9-1 p.m., $1.00 a couple.
4—Hompa Y.M.B.A. Concert, Hompa Hall, 7:30 p.m., 50c and 25c.
—Y.P.S. Concert, Japanese Hall, 7:30 p.m., 35c.
5—J.C.C.L. Open Meeting, Tamotsu Murayama, speaker, Japanese Hall, 7:30 p.m. (In Japanese).
—Steveston J.C.C.L. Open Meeting, Tamotsu Murayama, 2:30 p.m., Steveston.
—Rokka vs. Fuji, Ski Tourney, Grouse Mountain.
6—Vancouver Chapter Meeting, Tamotsu Murayama, Nippon Club, 8:00 p.m. (In English).
—Hompa Oifu-kai Roller Skating Party, Happyland, 7:30 p.m.
7—Haney, Tamotsu Murayama, speaker, 7:30 p.m.
11—Badminton Banquet, New Pier Cafe, 5:30 p.m., 25c.
18—Marietta Fashion Show, Japanese Hall, 8:00 p.m. 35c.
23—J.C.C.L. Spring Frolic, Alma Academy, 9-1, $1.00 a couple.

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200 DELEGATES GATHER

By S. FUKUNAGA

Young Buddhist representatives from six centers in the vicinity of Vancouver, gathered at the Hompa Hall, Sunday, February 26, to attend the thirteenth annual meeting of the Young People's League.

After a period of worship, the delegates representing some eight hundred members gathered in the lower hall for the business session. Reports were read by Miss C. Nishimura and T. Kitamura, Fairview; Miss Hisaye Omoto and H. Yoshida, Kitsilano; Miss M. Fukunaga and Harry Kondo, Hompa; F. Hamaguchi and S. Hamade, Steveston; Mr. Abe, Maple Ridge, and T. Oda, New Westminster.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions adopted by the delegates included decisions to make the conference an annual event, to aid any Nisei contemplating entering the ministry, and to support Takao Tsuji of Mission, now studying in a Buddhist Seminary.

It was also decided to sponsor a radio broadcast of the prize-winning speeches in the recent Oratorical Contest.

T. Kitamura was elected president of the League; K. Yamamoto and S. Ooka, vice-presidents; K. Kenmo, treasurer; T. Mori, T. Nishizaki, and G. Nagura, secretaries; and R. Miyamoto and K. Miyagawa, auditors.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Following the business session, the delegates reconvened in three groups. The first of these discussed the "Effect of the Sino-Japanese Conflict on the Second Generation" with Mr. Ooka in the chair. Rev. Mitsubayashi and Rev. Katazu were the leaders.

R. Miyamoto presided over the second group, which examined the "Marriage Problem of the Second Generation." Leaders of this group were Rev. Hirahara and Rev. Ikuta.

The third group considered the topic, "The Future of Buddhism and the Nisei." Mr. K. Miyamoto presided, and Rev. Abe and Rev. Tachibana led the discussion.

The evening was spent in a round of social activity. Visiting members were entertained at a sumptuous banquet provided by the local organization. Entertainment, [illegible] skits, solos and numbers by a harmonica band brought the conference to a close.

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Young Matrons Meet

Pie-Baking Lesson

On Thursday afternoon February 16th at the home of Mrs. E. N. Yamaoka, the Young Matrons gathered for their monthly meeting.

Mrs. M. Masuda demonstrated the baking of lemon and apple pies with the assistance of Mrs. M. T. Maikawa. After the pies were baked to their right flakiness and color and cooled, everyone joined in sampling them.

Until this year the members have been unable to accomplish much. However, they are hoping that the next few months will see the beginning of an active club.

Friendship Aim

Young Matrons with or without children are cordially invited to join. The aim of the club is to permit Nisei mothers to become more acquainted with each other.

Among those present were: Mrs. M. Miyazaki, Mrs. M. Masuda, Mrs. M. K. Maikawa, Mrs. F. Tanaka, Mrs. E. Maruno and Mrs. T. Onami.

Niseis Invited To Join Symphony

The Vancouver Chapter of the J. C. C. L. entertained the Japanese Community in a program featuring artists from the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and the Chikuyukai at the Japanese Hall, February 23.

Mr. L. C. Thomas, president of the Vancouver Symphony Society invited Niseis to participate in the activities of the organization.

Outstanding performance of the evening was the rendition of two violin numbers, Bloch's "Nigun" and Saint Saens' "Swan" by Margaret Purvis. Japanese music presented by Mr. K. Sano, Miss Martha Hori, Miss K. Murata, and Mrs. T. Tonogai was enthusiastically received by the audience. Canadian friends attending the gathering were particular taken with the charm of Japanese numbers.

Mr. Thomas Shoyama was chairman for the occasion.

CORRECTION

The Canadian Japanese Association in Vancouver has drawn our attention to a slight error which appeared in the last issue. The name of the Victoria organization is not the Canadian Japanese Association, but simply the Japanese Association of Victoria.

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Tanaka Favorite In Table Tennis Open Tourney

Nisei Doubles Team Seeded Easy Win

The Mikado stars are favorites to walk off with the championship at the Annual City Open Table Tennis Tournament scheduled for March 1-2 at the Vancouver Table Tennis Club. The finals will be played on March 3 at the Westerns Sports Centre.

As is the custom, the Keenleyside brothers, Harold and Bill will be seeded first and second. Bing Tanaka, the champion Nisei flick artist will probably be seeded third.

Beside Tanaka, there will be Yoichi Yasui and "Pee Wee" Kozai to battle for the singles crown. These three players have played in the Table Tennis league throughout the entire season and are now in the pink of condition. All three are conceded to have excellent chances of copping the championship.

In the doubles the Mikado team of Bing Tanaka and Y. Y. Yasui are favoured to come out on top. The team is reputed to be the strongest Japanese doubles combination on the Pacific Coast.

The Japanese Open Table Tennis Tourney, rumoured to take place at the Alexander Hall, has not as yet been arranged because of the uncompleted league schedule. The date and the place of the Open Tournament will be announced in the next issue of this paper.

Angela, Cont'd from Page 2

the big-shots in Ottawa say that the Japanese can fish for twenty-four hours a day with their assistants while the other fishermen can't do that. But you see those with boat-puller's licences can't fish by themselves in a boat.

He has to have the ordinary licence. But the government won't give him any ordinary licence. On the other hand the Indians and other fishermen can get any amount of fishing licences that they want. So that they themselves could fish three, four, or five to a boat and never cease fishing at all.

Gosh it's pretty hard for Dick to bear up.

He was so darn proud of being a Canadian citizen and he used to laugh at the old fogeys down in his town who were so old-fashioned.

I suppose he can't stand the fellows laughing at him and saying serves him right for acting high-hat.

Gosh I feel so sorry for Dick and Jean and Malcolm. I could cry. Well bye, Angela.

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Scenes From Judo Tournament

By Staff Photographer Minami Photo

Upper Left—Minoru Hatashita, All-Canada Black-Belt Judo champion receives the Nemichi Challenge Cup from Chancellor Ogawa. In the background stands, Mr. E. Morii, one of the judges for the evening. Upper Right—Hideo Tokairin, captain of the Vancouver Junior Team receives the championship pennant from Mr. S. Sasaki, Yo-dan. Lower Half—Junior championship team, left to right: Akira Abe, Noboru Shimizu, Toshio Nishi, Hiromoto Yamamoto, Tadashi Ban, Junior Judo Champion, Matsukichi Ishii, vice-captain and Hideo Tokairin, captain.

JUDO TOURNEY PACKED WITH THRILLS

Vancouver Kidokan Makes Clean Sweep

In an evening filled with thrills and surprises, members of the Vancouver Kido Kan made a clean sweep of the Annual Canadian Judo Championship Tournament before a thousand spectators that filled the Japanese Hall on February 25.

Flashing remarkable speed the Vancouver Junior team, with Hideo Tokairin at the helm, and composed of Matsukichi Ishii, Tadashi Ban, Hiromoto Yamamoto, Toshio Nishi, Noboru Shimizu and Akira Abe defeated Mission City in the finals with the score of 8-0 to win the pennant held by Steveston last year, symbolic of Team Supremacy in the whole of Canada.

In the Black-Belter's Class, Minoru Hatashita, Nidan, of Vancouver, repeated his victory of last year after a series of gruelling matches by defeating Hidekazu Hashizume of Mission City in the thrill-packed final round.

Junior Champ

In the Junior Division, Tadashi Ban also of Vancouver survived a picked field of fifty-six contestants from Chemainus, Kitsilano, Steveston, Maple Ridge, Vancouver Centre and Mission City to retain his Junior crown by defeating a team-mate, Hideo Tokairin in the breathtaking final.

Enrico Ricci, Black Belter, and only Occidental to appear was given a splendid ovation.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the newly-donated Nemichi Challenge Trophy to Minoru Hatashita by Chancellor Ogawa. Other presentations were made by Mr. S. Sasaki and Mr. E. Morii.

The judges for the tournament were Mr. S. Sasaki, Mr. E. Morii and Mr. K. Katsusa. Mr. T. Ishibayashi and Mr. Umetsu acted as timekeepers.

Complete Details

Following are detailed results of the contest.

TEAM COMPETITION: First Round: Mission defeated Chemainus. Kitsilano defeated Steveston. Vancouver defeated Maple Ridge. Semi-finals: Mission defeated Kitsilano, Vancouver bye. Finals: Vancouver defeated Mission.

JUNIOR DIVISION: First Round winners, Takaji Omotani, Toru Tsuji, M. Nobuto, Akira Abe, Kanao Kimura, Naoyuki Moriyama, Hideo Miyamoto, Yasuo Kamino, Shohei Sumi, Kiyoshi Oka, Takaichi Yamada, Toshio Nishi, Yoshimitsu Adachi, Tadashi Ban, Hiromoto Yamamoto, Yoshio Senta, Hisayoshi Sumi, Mitsugu Terada, Hidemasa Sakumoto, Saichiro Imali, Akizaburo Mizuguchi, Tokio Shimomura, Kunji Kuramoto, Takeo Maeda, Noboru Shimizu and Kuni Yoshida.

Second Round Winners: T. Yamada, T. Ban, Y. Adachi, M. Terada, H. Tokairin, Satoru Tsuji, S. Imali, S. Sumi, N. Shimizu, H. Yamamoto, T. Mizuguchi, A. Abe, and Y. Senta.

Third Round: N. Shimizu, T. Ban, T. Nishi, S. Mizuguchi, M. Terada, H. Tokairin, and H. Yamamoto.

Semi-finals: T. Nishi, T. Ban, H. Yamamoto, and H. Tokairin.

Finals: Hideo Tokairin and Tadashi Ban.

The Black Belters division was contested with equal zeal. Nakamura, Omori, Sakata, Kimura, Hashizume, Hatashita, Uyeda, Nidans, and Tamoto Shodan were successful in the first round.

Second Round: Uyeda, Hatashita, Nakamura, and Hashizume.

Finals: Hatashita and Hashizume.

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Baseball Leag'rs Prepare For New Season

Yamamura Heads Powell St. Loop

Port Hammond to be the new entry in the Japanese Baseball League was the decision of club representatives who met Sunday, February 26. The Valley nine will fill the vacant berth caused by the withdrawal of M. & N. The other teams will be Mikados, Giants, Asahi Seconds, and Steveston.

Roy Yamamura will head the League as president this year. Yoshi Ono, vice-president, Don Sugiman, secretary, and Rosie Okuda, treasurer, complete the executive.

The first game of the season will probably be played either late in March or the first week in April.

Nag Nishihara, popular Mikado pilot, has resigned and will not be in action in the League this year.

Sidney Mine Closes

After a year's trial, the Sidney Inlet Mining Company closed down a few days ago, throwing out of employment fifty Canadian miners and a number of local Niseis. The mine failed to yield returns as expected.

To Present Trophies To New Champions

Before laying away their racquets and shuttles for the season Badminton enthusiasts will hold a banquet at the New Pier Cafe, Saturday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Trophies will be presented to the Hokutokai Club, current League leaders, and to the championship teams in the men's mixed doubles open tournaments. Plans for the coming season will be laid.

Matt Matsui announces that everyone interested is welcome to come. Club captains are requested to send in the names of people attending before March 9.

The fee for the Banquet will be 25 cents.

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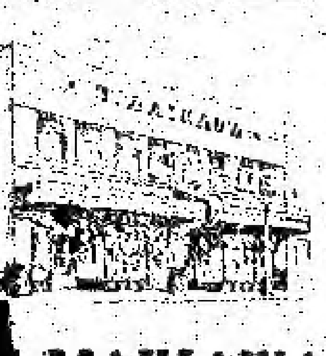

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THE SPORT CLOTHESLINE

By WASHY

The mad buzzing around to keep up with the incessant whirlwind of activities has left it's mark . . . I'm so dizzy and groggy now that if this clothesline ends up similar to the way I feel please don't blame your columnist too much.

Spring must be around the corner. The various winter sports Badminton, Basketball, Table Tennis, Skiing and even Chinese checkers are now coming down the home stretch. We've been literally swamped with playoffs and tournaments during the last fortnight. In a few weeks more all the champions of different sports will be crowned.

Already one championship has come home to roost. **Mi Akiyama** and **Tommy Iwasaki**, the hard hitting Badminton pair blasted their way to take the men's doubles crown. Their win seemed to be in the nature of a fluke to many of the fans but shucks, I knew they'd win all along. Oh Yeah!

To prove that I'm not so full of "hot air" I'll predict the next mixed doubles championship team. Well here it is . . . **Johnny Tanaka** and **Tomi Mizuzawa**. The team will make the rest of the entrants look sick.

B Class Successful

Loking back to the men's doubles tourney, the best part of it was the successful innovation of the B Class. It was good to see so many potential Birchs and **Samis'** smack that shuttle around. It is only through creating interest among the younger people that good players can be made.

While on the subject of Badminton here is something that really belongs to So-ne Hen-ne. What two young Badminton players who after being knocked out of the tourney felt so badly that they ran into a nearby theatre to drown their sorrows?

Steamrollers Lack Steam

Seattle Steamrollers won, but they failed to uphold Vancouverites' high estimate of the Courier AA League. Steamrollers were very lucky to come out on top by one measly point. Either Nippons did surprisingly well or else the Johnston Drug team played very poorly, but in any case we have come to the conclusion that the Nippons aren't too bad and Seattle not half as good as old "Waki" the Seattle Sports Editor of the Courier would have us know.

Heard at the game . . . "Somebody should donate a double strength pair of suspenders to **Shaw Miz**" . . . "Say introduce me to the two nifty looking Seattle 'dames'." . . . **Baby Tank Kurose**, the 204 pounder indignantly replying, "I'm not a young kid anymore, gosh I'm 19 years old now! . . . **George Tokuda**, Seattle manager, lamenting "What a lousy game we played" . . . **Yanagimachi** admitting "Well, I gotta admit the Nippons are pretty good."

Hoopsterettes

FACT! Gentler sex invade basketball floor. Japanese gym filled to capacity. Not even standing room left.

STORY: The popular game of melon-heaving has now taken hold of the Nisei girls. Some forty enthusiasts, responding to a notice of the formation of a Cagette league, turned out in full force last Thursday and Friday to play **AT** Basketball.

It is a healthy sign when the girls show so much pep and an eagerness to learn the game. Although the league will not officially commence till the fall, **Mi Akiyama** hopes to arrange a few pick-up games for the remainder of the season. But first he must divide the girls into four or five teams.

To relieve the officials of racking their brains for names, here are a few suggestions . . . **Amazons, Senoritas, Gold-diggers, Geishas, even Squaws or Polecats.** Or what about these, **Naughty Mariettas, Coquettes, Wallflowers, Pansies, Sweethearts, Suffragettes, and Vancouver Grads.**

Again going into the territory of Thiu lee, I would like to mention that ol' **Shige**, the usually careless chap who appears so oblivious of any girls' appearance turned up on the first night of the practice immaculately dressed. And (believe it or not) had his hair slicked down with hair grease. He was so dazed by the number of "wimmin" that he didn't know what he was doing half of the time.

Also the girls should be a gold mine to **Mi Akiyama's** depleted treasury. He will be able to charge admission for the games and the fans, whether they see a good basketball game or not, cannot kick because they'll see something anyway.

Play-off Previews

Right now the local Basketball League is in the midst of the "crooshal" playoffs. It was pitiful the rude way in which Steveston was shoved out of the eliminations by the lowly **Fairview**. Fairview played a superb game behind the steady playmaking of **Sam Uyede** who was here, there and everywhere. If Fairview keeps up that calibre of basketball, there is every reason to expect them to dust off M. & N. in two straight games. They might, you know, wade right through Ernies to cop the coveted mug. Fairview won their last year's championship by starting the playoff series in the same way as they are doing now.

HORSEHIDE AND HICKORY

Judging from the way the fans are het up over the Senior A League, Asahis will just have to enter. Bob Brown says that the league will be a sure thing and all that is needed now is a schedule.

This proposed loop will certainly be a badly needed break for the poor fans, who were so rudely treated last year because the games had to start at 6:00 p.m. No more empty stomachs and no more abused stomachs from hastily gulped meals just to get to the game in time. Everyone, including the fans who could no attend the six o'clock games because of work, will now be able to haunt the night games at Athletic Park in solid comfort.

By way of a suggestion, if the 10 cents per person gate that was so popular with the Terminal League at Con. Jones Park is established at Athletic Park, Bob Brown would be guaranteed a packed house every time.

Dad's Cooky Kid

Smiling Billy Blinkhorn, the Dad's Cookie Kid, and well-known student of the Japanese Language, will be one of the outstanding artists on the Powell Y.P. Concert this coming Saturday at the Japanese Hall.

Fuji Skiiers Hosts To Rokkas

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The Fuji Ski Club will meet the Seattle Rokkas in their long-awaited tournament, Sunday, March 5. Junior events will be run off in the morning, and the featured slalom and downhill races in the afternoon.

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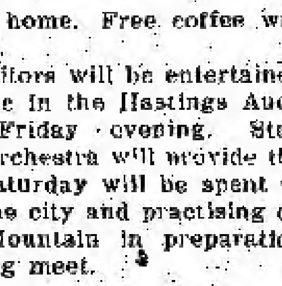

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